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SMOOT IS LEADER OF SHARP FIGHT ON NEW PARLEY

Nothing to Gain in Summoning Nations and Disappointing Them, He Says.

OTHER FOES CONFER ON BORAH PROPOSAL

Lodge and Watson Among Administration Leaders in Opposition.

"Lines in the coming Senate contest over the Borah proposal for an international conference to solve the conomic problems of Europe and

economic problems of Europe and the world are becoming more closely drawn. Senator Reed Smoot of Utah, republican, today declared his opposition to the plan. Senator Smoot is a member of the commission appointed to discuss with the foreign nations the funding of their debts to the United States.

"I do not think that the conference proposed in the amendment to the Navy appropriation bill offered by Senator Borah would accomplish any good purpose," said Senator Smoot.

"We know in advance what the other nations want, and we are not in a position to grant it. If we called a conference, invited these nations here, and then when they came turned position to grant it. If we called a conference, invited these mations here, and then when they came turned down their requests, the situation would not be improved, and the United States would be placed in a false position. I am opposed to it, and I do not think that the amendment to the Navy bill will be adopted." Conferences between administration leaders in the Senate over the Borah proposal are underway, with Senators Lodge, Watson and others participating, and it is known that they are framing a plan to head off the Borah amendment to the Navy bill if possible. On the other hand, it is realized that the Horah proposal has struck a responsive chord in many quarters in this country, and that many interests are desirous of seeing that the muddle in Europe be straightened out and that the United States do what it can to help solve the problem.

Undoubtedly it will be argued that the administration should not be hampered or embarrassed in any way by congressional action at this juncture, but should be permitted to deal with the European situation as it appears best. It is not the function of Congress, it will be said, to mix in the foreign relations of the country, and the matter should be left to the executive department of the government.

Foreign Interest in Congress.

But in answer to this suggestion, it is pointed out that Congress, and particularly the Senate, has not hesitated to mix in the foreign relations of the country, that, for example, the Senate took the first step in bringing about the conference on limitation of armament in Washington. Furthermore, it is said that the President under the Borah proposal would be free to call the proposed conference or not, as he saw fit, since the Borah amendment merely "authorizes" and "requests" him to issue the call.

The President is left free to select the nations which should be invited to the conference to. Foreign Interest in Congress.

to the conference, too. Senator Medill McCormick of Illinois, senator Medili McCormics of Ininios, who has just returned to this country from a visit to Europe is expected to give to the Senate his impressions of economic conditions abroad when the debate on the Borah proposal gets murder mystery.

while arguments pro and con on the suggested conference are being advanced by other senators and officials of the government, Senator Borah himself has issued a statement expressing confidence that "more mature reflection" would serve to diminish opposition to his proposal for as ish opposition to his proposal for an economic conference, and the further limitation of sea and land armaments.

There are many precedents for this kind of conference. We have as a government participated officially in government participated officially in such conferences, and with European nations, more than once. We have never hesitated to confer with reference to economic, financial or commercial matters. Such conferences have never been regarded by the most zealous advocates of our traditional policies as in contravention of them. No public mas has been at any time in our history a more pronounced believer in our traditional policies than Col. Roosevelt. He specifically indorsed this kind of conference, and regarded such conferences as a means of preserving the policies of Washington and Monroe.

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question for debate is how can we deal with it most effectively. The problem is here. If it is not adjusted it will mean greater suffering in Europe, and vast loss to our producers, and it may mean another war. If the worst should come, we might be going to Europe on another mission than that of conferring. I repeat, the only question is: How can we help? What is the best method? Upon that I have an open mind.

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Over the cancellation of this debt. I am far more exercised over Europe's inability to pay. I have no fear about the open cancellation of this debt. But no child now living will see its payment if the question of reparations is permitted to go from bad to worse until another war takes place.

"We are interested in the reparations question, therefore, because we are interested in the payment of what Europe owes us. We are also interested in it because we want European markets opened to our farm products. Millions are hungering and dying in Europe for the irroducts which are rotting on our farms. Shall we say that these mat-People Seem Exercised.

D. C. GIRL TELLS OF TRIP IN SOUTH AMERICAN BUSH

Boa Constrictor for Pet.

Went With Brother on Exploration for Science.

As she reminisced about her trip from the luxury of the Biltmore Hotel today, it was not of the diamond that she talked, but of her pet boa con-strictor, of the jungle wonders, strictor, of the jungle wonders, moonlight nights on the South Amer-ican rivers and of the friendly black people, many of whom had never seen a white woman before.

"Loved Whole Thing."

"I loved the whole thing," she said. but it was worth it. I carried a pistol, because I don't know how to use a gun. With the pistol I shot a snake, a sloth, a number of birds, several big iguanas and a couple of monkeys,—and I never would kill another. They groan just like human beings. I hate to kill things.

"One of the Indians killed a mother baboon and they brought the baby to me. I tried to take care of it, but I me. I tried to take care of it, but I continued on Page 2, Column 5.) 'I was frightened a good many times.

"One of the Indians killed a mother baboon and they brought the baby to me. I tried to take care of it, but I didn't know what monkeys eat. I

Lucille LaVarre Had save it milk and crackers and bananas, but one morning I went out and found the little thing dead.

Had Baby Constrictor. "Another Indian brought me

baby constrictor. I kept that in a box. It was only about two-and-ahalf inches in diameter, but it ate a whole lizard every day." The Indians are not wild. Miss La

Varre said, though they are thoroughly primitive. "I didn't tell the folks that I was going to take her into the jungles," her brother interrupted guiltily. "They thought she was only going as far as Georgetown. A great many men have been afraid to take the trip she did. She really faced danger."

Special Dispatch to The Star.

NEW YORK, December 25.—A tale of a 300-mile trip into the British Guiana "bush," where a great many men have dared not to venture, to get a diamond, is just one of the many appealing stories of the far Mazaruni river jungles brought back to New York by eighteen-year-old Lucille La Varre, a student of George Washington ton University. With her brother, William J. La Varre of New York and Washington, supervisor of research expeditions in the South American jungles, Miss La Varre has just returned aboard the liner Van Dyke.

As she reminisced about her trip from the luxury of the Biltmore Hotel

La Varre said that a diamond rush is under way at Georgetown as a re monds washed down the Mazoruni valley from volcanic craters. He declared he had 2,000 Indians and 8,000 blacks at work in development work both in the diamond field and in tim-

Lull Occurs in Probe of Out- Heavy Traffic Puts Anacosrage by Masked Men in Roads in Bad Shape. Louisiana.

ONE SUSPECT IN JAIL. MUD OR DUST MENACE

Military Keep Close Watch for Threatened Outbreak of Factions.

BASTROP, La., December 25. -

All indications were additional mur- the main arteries carrying travel

which now contains a solitary suspect in connection with the murder of

Reports that bloodshed was imminent between factions of the townspeople, who have been quietly arming themselves since the depredations of the masked and white-robed men on the Bastrop-Mer Rouge highway last the Bastrop-Mer Rouge highway last August, when five men were kidnaped, caused a cancellation of the order for the troops to join those at Bastrop. Christmas eve, featured by the funerals of the men whose decapitated bodies were cast up by Lake La Fourche Friday, passed quietly. The throngs of farmers and townsfolk who attended the burial ceremonies at the Daniels plantation returned home without outward expression.

Naval and military men are now advocating greater navies and larger armies because of serious and threatening conditions abroad.

"Every foreign office in the world, including our own, is now studying the reparations question, and considering how it may be adjusted. There is no use to talk, therefore, about not considering, or about not dealing with it. The only legitimate question for debate is how can we tital citizen.

The dragnet for suspects is expected to be thrown out tomorrow. Department of Justice investigators, who for several months have been making efforts to ferret out those responsible for the kidnaping, have the names, it is said, of practically every man who was in the masked band and their movements are said to be carefully watched. The suspects of the open hearing ordered for January 5. dered for January 5.

Several men wanted as witnesses or accomplices, it is said, have gone to towns in Arkansas and Mississippi

but can be apprehended whenever the Attorney General so directs, the fed-eral detectives declared. PRE-WAR ZEST MARKS FESTIVITIES IN PARIS

CHRISTMAS DELAYS TWO SECTIONS HIT MURDER WARRANTS BY PAVING NEGLECT

tia and Congress Heights

Sections of Minnesota Avenue and Other Thoroughfares Need Funds.

Anacostia and Congress Heights sections of the city have suffered greatly and still are suffering from the failure of Congress to provide funds for street improvements. Even

ways found on many of the streets in Boats Scouring Lake Erie for Tentative Plans Made for those sections, those making the ap-Imitation of sea and land armaments.

The statement follows

The opposition to this conference seems to be along the same lines as opposition to the disarmament conference when it was first proposed. There was great timidity and much opposition at first, but more mature reflection led to very general support. I trust such will be true in this instance.

There are many precedents for this

New Cobblestones Needed.

One of the great needs in this southeast territory is the replacement of the many-year-old cobblestone roadway on 11th street southeast. From Pennsylvania avenue to the Anacostia bridge the roadway is paved with Belgian blocks, and it carries a heavy passenger vehicle and truck traffic from and to points in southern Maryland. The Commissioners this year

Minnesota Avenue Needs.

Minnesota avenue, from Good Hope road to Pennsylvania avenue, a con necting artery between these two highways, is in a bad condition and should be improved to withstand the heavy traffic which it bears. Nichols avenue, from the south gate of St. Elizabeth's Hospital, and Sheridan road, from Nichols avenue south, also are in bad condition, the latter almost impassable in bad weather. There is an estimated in the budget bureau's recommendation to Congress for an allowance for paving that part of Nichols avenue from the hospital to Portland street.

new building work, and the heavy truck traffic incident to hauling materials there has cut it up badly. Such roads, it has been proven, cannot stand up under modern traffic conditions during the winter months.

Investigations are being made with the hope of reviving the old treaty. Pending the conclusion of a new pact, a protocol in all probability will be concluded with the Czechostions during the winter months. farms. Shall we say that these matters do not concern us? Nothing hilliant musical programs were constand up under modern traffic condicions more."

She walked into the restaurant beleath the living quarters of her parents and sat down at a table. Her father saw her as she entered the loor. The woman's bureau of the police department, is declared to be responsible for her return. A policewoman located a woman, formerly an employe of Wen's restaurant, who

knew of friends of the girl. Rumors had come to the ears of the policewomen that the girl was staying with these friends in the northwest section of the city. One of the policewomen convinced the woman formerly employed at the restaurant that it would be to the best interests of all concerned if the girl should return home immediately.

VANISHED VESSEL

Decorations Speak Volumes.

THE EARLY CHRISTMAS RISERS.

Chinese Girl, 17, Who Fled

Mrs. Wen has been on the verge of nervous prostration. Her husband has been making his decorations for a Christmas feast in the restaurant while thinking almost constantly of his missing girl. Early this morning those decorations didn't mean a thing to him. Now they speak volumes.

The reason for the disappearance of the girl is believed to be her reluctance to marry George Num Lee, son of the millionaire president of the Chinese Merchants' Association of New York. The match was arranged New York. The match was arranged by the parents and the girl thought that she was too young to marry. For that reason, it is thought, she left

that reason, it is thought, she left. A reward of \$300 was authorized yesterday by Mildred's uncle, George Wen, for information leading to the return home of the girl.

Her mother this morning before the girl's re-appearance declared that her little daughter Betty could not be comforted since the departure of her sister-playmate. The child had eaten no food for over twenty-four hours, Mrs. Wen said, and appeared to be wanting her big sister, Mildred.

Cornell Find No Traces of Craft.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, December 25 .-A fourth tug was added this morning to the three already searching Lake Erie for the missing tug Cornell, which left here last Thursday and was due in Buffalo Friday morning. One tug, covering the middle of the lake as far as Erie, Pa., yesterday reported no traces of the tug or

wreckage. Two other tugs patrolling the north shore made similar vain searches, The tug Oregon was sent out today to cruise the south shore as far as Fairport and then work out into the middle of the lake. Efforts are also

Report Heavy Fog. have sighted the Cornell even had they passed within ordinary hailing

The Cornell, a wooden boat, built in 1888 had been sold recently to Syracuse, N. Y., parties and was being taken to Bpffalo for transfer. She carried a double crew of eight men, all from Cleveland.

merce Pact With Spain. By the Associated Press, TOKIO, December 6.-The Spanish-Japanese treaty of commerce and navigation will expire on October 30 next year and will be abolished, in accordance with a notice to that ef-

FOURTH TUG SEEKS | ALASKA TRIP AGAIN **AIM OF PRESIDENT**

Tour to Include Northwest Country.

President Harding, it is understood on good authority, is again laying plans for his long delayed trip to Alaska, which he hopes to make some time next summer, unless prevented by Mrs. Harding's health or by administrative exigencies.

The plans for this journey are only in very tentative form at present, and it is not expected they will be put into definite shape before spring. The President feels now that he cannot definitely make a decision regarding the Alaska trip until the en- Davis, ten years old. tire administration program has been

Boats that put into Erie and Cleve-land report the fog on Lake Erie so heavy that it is doubtful if they could have that the Cornell even had conditions there as they have been brought to him from time to time for personal investigation.

He is anxious to see the great domain of Alaska and to personally investigate conditions there so he may be in a better position to plan for the development of that territory. It is hoped by the President that

he will be able to make a short trip with Mrs. Harding to Florida in March. In fact, March 6 has been tentatively set by him to leave Washington for two or three weeks stay in the southern

POLISH-JAPANESE PACT. lence of the Associated Press.

TOKIO, December 6.- A new Polish-Japanese treaty of commerce and

SON RESCUES SIX Marriage, Returns to Father A dark and rather gloomy Christmas for Wing Ling Wen brightened up suddenly today when Mildred Wen, his seventeen-year-old daughter, reappeared at his apartment, at 316 9th street, after mysteriously vanishing last Friday night, when preparations were being made for a trip to New York, where she was to marry a wealthy young Chinaman today. She walked into the restaurant be standing over her. Nearby was her mother, holding her eleven-month-old daughter. Betty, who was googling her glee at the return of her sister. "There's nothing further for us to do." murmured the policewomen, and they walked out again. Mildred Wen was supposed to meet her father at the Union station for the midnight train Friday night for New York, where she was to marry a wealthy young Chinaman today. She walked into the restaurant be Decorntions Speak Volumes.

LETS IN AIR, CALLS AID

Quick Work of Roy Goods Source of Christmas Gratitude at Hospital.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., December 25 .-If Roy Goods, 1601 King street, had gone to bed at the usual hour last night, instead of attending a midoccupants of his home might have

a leaky hot-water heater in the cellar Entering the front door, lightheartedly thinking of the approaching dawn of the happiest day of the year Roy suddenly detected the nauseating odor of gas. It permeated the house so strongly that he found it difficult

them all to the hospital, where Dr. Llewellyn Powell worked feverishly until he had revived them. Although they are spending Christmas day in the hospital, their Yuletide festivities marred, they are thankful that their plight was discovered in time. Those overcome were: Mrs. Eliza-

beth Goods, Roy's mother; Mrs. Genevieve Mooney, his sister; George Mooney, the sister's husband; Dorothy, the fourteen-month-old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Mooney; Miss Margaret Goods, also a sister of Roy, and Lucille Benjamin Goods, the young man's

terfering with his plans is out of the his run last night. He will not return home until late today. Although young Goods is not a Catholic, it is not unusual for those not of that faith to attend the midnight

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Christmas service.

Christmas Day has come again with its message of peace and good will to all mankind. Today we remember, after weeks of preparation, those who are nearest and dearest to

It is with the hope of adding to the day's satisfaction that I, as president of the Associated Charities, make a last-minute appeal for those remaining Christmas Opportunities whose homes are still hanging in the balance.

I trust that many more will find it in their hearts today to remember these neighbors of ours with their gifts.

Up to this morning, approximately \$8,000 had been received, leaving fully \$5,000 still needed to save these homes for the coming year.

In the midst of the city's joy and prosperity let it not happen that any of these-the fiftythree children in these fourteen families need be separated from their own mothers the coming year because there were not enough folks in Washington who cared! Contributions may be sent to

John Joy Edson, treasurer, Associated Charities, 923 H street (Signed) Cuno H. Rudolph.

Woman Braves Death by Fire To Save Turkey

With smudgy face and hands padly blistered, but still clutching tight a luscious, well cooked fat turkey, Mrs. A. Shuppes of 157 D street southeast smiled benignly on firemen from three engine companies as they rushed to her apartment shortly before noon today to extinguish a fire caused by grease overflowing onto the stove from the pan which held the tasty

today to go to a hospital," she laughed, in response to proffered assistance, as she carefully placed her Christmas dinner on a platter

in the room.

The flames were quickly extinguished and the loss from water was estimated at about \$30. "But what is more," added the occupant of the place, "the turkey wasn't spoiled."

President and Wife Thankful vailed. From the stately rooms of the for Many Gifts From Various Sources.

MRS. HARDING BETTER

First Lady Joins Executive in Quiet hearts of all, as the children and Enjoyment of Holiday

at Home.

Christmas day probably dawned to-Washington than the White House. The spirit of the day was made still appier and more joyous by the fact day had brightened and the children

The executive arose early—far earlier than is his daily custom. It, was barely light this morning when he hurried into the room of his wife night church service, he and six other and extended to her a merry greeting and personally handed her his Christ been found dead from gas this Christmas gift, and in return received one himself. A little later the couple went to Mrs. Harding's sitting room, which was attractively decorated with holly and other Christmas greens and flowers, where they experienced almost childish pleasure in opening the many gifts banked high on a ing the many gifts banked high on a large table in the room. For more than an hour they were thus engaged when they were interrupted by the serving of breakfast in that bright, cheerful continue to do, everything possible for

Almost immediately after breakfast and been concluded the President and had been concluded the President and Mrs. Harding presented to each of the score or more attaches and servants at the White House neatly

the day.

Later in the day the thirty-three officers and men of the White House police force were presented with similar presents, and the fifteen or more messengers and clerks of the White House will receive their presents to-

morrow.

The President did not go near his desk in the executive office, and at the command of Mrs. Harding, he was not permitted to touch the official papers he had brought from his office Saturday to his library desk, and later in the morning upon her urging, he went to a country club to enjoy the open for several hours.

The Christmas dinner at the White House which is to be served at 70 clock tonight will be a quiet and informal affair. There probably will be two or three invited guests. A forty-pound turkey will feature the attractive menu arranged for the attractive menu arranged for the ery.

The President yesterday for the first time since Mrs. Harding's illness attended church. He went to the Cal-vary Baptist Church with Speaker and Mrs. Gillett in the morning, occupying their customary pew.

NEW ORLEANS ADMITS CHRISTMAS IS "WET"

"I believe liquor can be purchased in almost all restaurants in New Or-leans. We have excellent work from the federal officers, but they are so few in number they cannot hope to cope with the situation."

PARTIES FEATURE YULE OBSERVANCE

President Sets Example by Dining Quietly With Mrs. Harding at White House.

TO CALL OUT CITIZENS

Institutions Remembered. An old-fashioned, quiet Christmas

Executive Mansion to the lowliest home in town the best sentiments of Christmastide filled the heart's of all. The capital gave itself over today to

There was no public display. With in doors today, beneath countless glittering trees, large and small, the message of the Christ-child filled the their elders gathered for the annual celebration.

Members of the cabinet and other

that Mrs. Harding has so far im- wanted to beat their drums on the proved in her health that she was streets, that all Washington came physically able to personally direct outdoors, and then the streets and the arrangements of the Yuletide de-corations about the rooms on the President Harding declared that

corations about the rooms on the upper floor of the old mansion and also the fact that she is going to the dining room tonight for dinner for the first time since she became ill more than three months ago.

The hundreds of messages bearing cheery and kindly greetings and the innumerable gifts received by the President and Mrs. Harding added nuch toward making their Christmas day a most satisfying and happy one.

President Riscs Early.

President Harding declared that disabled war veterans are "entitled to the utmost assurance that a grateful people stands willing and anxious to do, and will continue to do, everything possible for them." in a Christmas message. Sending the greeting to the Disabled American Veterans, the President said:

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Obligation to Veterans. "Our obligation has prompted the nation to a very considerable dealing with them, which, it is hoped has been, in some measure at least, comme rate with the debt owing to them. For such misfortunes as have come to thousands of them there can be no

many such Christmas mornings to-gether long before either ever dreamed that they would be sharing the joys of the day within the walls the joys of the day within the walls described by the sharing the joys of the day within the walls of the joys of the day within the walls earnest wish of the entire nation." of the White House. It was one of their typical Christmas days, quiet, simple and joyful. It is believed

to advance.

Opens House to Air.

Realizing that those nearest and dearest to him were sleeping, Goods threw open the windows and hurried from room to room, fighting off the effects of the gas until he had rescued them.

He summoned aid and removed them all to the hospital, where Dr.

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The executive was joyous and lighthearted not only because it was Christmas days, quiet. Christmas, but principally because Mrs. Harding has made such progress toward recovery that the shadow which has hung about the White House so long had lifted. Mrs. Harding in return was happy in the knowledge that she was again becoming well and strong and that the time is now not far distant when she can resume regularly her place beside her distinguished husband.

She was buoyant in spirit and her greetings to the various attaches and servants about the big house were indeed merry and inspiring.

Almost immediately after breakfast

Hardinal Unics after of the Disable abled American Veterans. "None of us can ever be unmindful of the great sacrifices you have made in the service of your country, although few can realize what you have suffered. Your courage and your fortitude will ever be an inspiration to us. For the coming year, as always, you have my most earnest thought for your welfare and happiness. May it bring its full measure of health and fortune, but above everything may it find you ever brave and resolute in living up to the highest standards of your war service."

Weeks Sends Message.

Greetings to the Army were sent by

Greetings to the Army were sent by Secretary Weeks and Maj. Gen. Harbord, deputy chief of staff. "You are the guardians and preservers of that wrapped little boxes containing peace and good will which we rever-within a glistening five-dollar gold ence at this season." said Secretary the Southern railway, and was out on his run last night. He will not now enjoy, the security of which you guarantee by your personal service to the nation."

The government departments closed until tomorrow and Congress until Wednesday, Christmas reigned su-

The gray-coated messengers of San-

ta Claus were greeted with whoops and cheers of children as they came along the streets, and hundreds of Christmas presents were given to the faithful deliverers of the city's mail. Letter carriers lingered at homes today, paying no particular attention Hundred "Boisterous Drunks"

Jailed, Others Sent to Their

Homes by Police.

NEW ORLEANS, December 25.—
With the parish fail holding more than 100 boisterous Christmas "drunks" and hundreds of others sent to their homes by the police, the holiday is otherwise passing quietly, with all business suspended.
That "a wet" Christmas prevails here was admitted by the Rev. A. H. Zeimer of the Anti-Saloon League, who said:
"I believe liquor can be purchased in almost all restaurants in New Or-

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Saturday's Net Circulation, 81,054 Sunday's Circulation, 93,021

"Thank you, but I have not time

NO PUBLIC FUNCTIONS

Chief Executive Sends Greetings to Disabled Soldiers-Hospitals and

was observed today by the President and Mrs. Harding at the White House, and by the nearly 100,000 other famiies in the National Capital. Everywhere throughout the city the genuine spirit of Christmas pre-

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high officials of the government spent lay upon no more happier home in the morning at home with their chil dren.

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and Mrs. Harding had spent them.
"That the coming year may bring restored

Mail Carriers Remembered.

this one day to the letter boxes and door slots at the various home they

thousand pounds of turkey, potatoes, how many stalks of celery, how many million cigarettes and other things went to the making of that "big feed. Nobody cares much, either, for it was too good a mess to analyze. But the